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In re Application of:

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System and Method for Providing Prioritized Access to a

Messaging System

MAIL STOP: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed July 24, 2006, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.